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GOOD WOMAN SUICIDES

Wife of Dr. Richard Hardwick Native of Wayne County, Kills Herself.

A Huntington paper has the following account of the suicide of Mrs. Richard Hardwick. Her husband is a son of John Hardwick, of Mill Creek, W. Va., six miles from Louisa:

A successful attempt at suicide was carried out Wednesday morning by Mrs. Molly Roberta Hardwick, wife of Dr. Richard Hardwick at her home in West Huntington. Mrs. Hardwick was despondent over ill health being afflicted with nervousness brought on by her inability to sleep.

A revolver was the means by which Mrs. Hardwick ended her life. Because of her weakened condition and the threats she had made to commit suicide members of the household had kept a constant watch over her. She obtained the revolver from the home of her sister, Mrs. Sam Dock Smith, at Kenova, where she visited Tuesday. She obtained the weapon at the Smith home without the knowledge of the members of the Smith family. Dr. Hardwick had watched his wife closely for three days because of her threats to kill herself.

Mrs. Smith was at her sister's bedside a few minutes before the tragedy occurred as was Dr. Hardwick. Mrs. Smith went to the lower floor to her breakfast leaving Dr. and Mrs. Hardwick in the latter's bedroom. Mrs. Hardwick asked her husband to get her a drink of water and while he was in the bath room his wife fired the shot which ended her life. Rushing to the room the members of the household found blood pouring from Mrs. Hardwick's temple and the revolver lying on the floor near the bed. Dr. L. T. Vinson was summoned through his services were of no avail as death was instantaneous.

Mrs. Hardwick was the daughter of the late St. Clair Roberts, of Wayne-co.

Mrs. Hardwick was a member of a well known Wayne-co. family. She was, for a number of years preceding her marriage, one of the prominent teachers in the public schools of that county. She was a woman of fine intellectual gifts, and of the finest character. Her father, who was prominent in the political and business affairs of the county, died a year ago.

Her mother still resides at Kenova. Besides her husband she leaves one son, Merlin Vinson, aged eleven years.

KILLED IN CEREDO.

On Sunday morning last the lower half of the mangled body of Mr. J. W. Irons, an uncle of Mrs. Earl McClure, of this city, was found near the track of the B. & O. railroad in Ceredo. Search was immediately made for the remainder, which was soon found not far away. The remains were properly cared for and were carried to the home of the unfortunate man of Docks creek, not far from Cyrus, W. Va., where the burial occurred on Monday. Mrs. McClure went down on Monday morning to attend the funeral of her relative.

It was at first supposed that Mr. Irons had been killed by a B. & O. train, but late developments lead to the belief that he had been murdered and the body placed on the track so that a passing train would mangle it, and in this way murder might not be suspected. Mr. Irons had been in Ceredo all day, and had been in Catlettsburg and Huntington, returning to Ceredo in the evening. At a late hour he started for home with three men, and this was the last seen of him. Two of these men have been arrested, so the NEWS has been informed, but the third one can not be found.

Mr. Irons was about 60 years old and was an industrious farmer.

DINNER AT GALLUP.

The Ladies Aid Society will serve dinner for anyone election day, Nov. 4. A good dinner for 25c. The proceeds will go to help build a parsonage in this neighborhood. The Aid will appreciate any help. Dinner will be served near the polls.

C. E. MEER MARRIED.

The NEWS takes from the Mingo Republican the following concerning the marriage of Clyde E. Meer, son of Mr. M. F. Meer, a native of this county but now a prominent business man of Williamson, to Miss Fannie Carter, of Denver Col.:

The meeting and wooing of this fair maiden of the far west was a real romance. When Mr. Meer was in the south two years ago and while sojourning at Hot Springs, Ark., Mrs. Carter and her daughter, enroute to Florida, happened to stop over at the noted health resort and fate put them in the same hotel where Mr. Meer was stopping.

This gallant young West Virginian could not resist the charms of the maiden from the Rockies and after parting the courtship was kept up through the medium of letters and at last culminated in a happy union which was solemnized in the Highland Presbyterian church, Denver, October 8, 1913.

The bride's father is a prominent automobile manufacturer and ranch owner of Denver and the groom is the only heir of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Meer, highly respected and popular Williamson people. Mr. Meer being one of our wealthiest and most substantial business men.

BROMLEY-McALPIN.

Marriage of a Pretty Louisa Girl to a Cincinnati Young Man.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bromley, this city, was on Tuesday last the scene of a very interesting event, which was no less than the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth to Mr. George W. McAlpin, of Cincinnati. The affair was one of beautiful simplicity, at the same time characterized by excellent taste. No formal invitations whatever had been issued, but the young girl, popular with all who know her, had said to her hosts of friends, "Come about a quarter to 12 Tuesday and see me married." And very many of them came. Some time before the appointed hour the cozy home was filled with friends. The rooms and hall had been tastefully ornamented with fragrant roses and chrysanthemums and looked very attractive. A short time before the auspicious moment Miss Katharine Freese, with Mrs. George Vinson as accompanist, sang in her own delightful way, O Perfect Love. The last cadence of the beautiful song had scarcely died on the air when Mrs. Vinson began the ever popular Wedding March from Lohengrin. Keeping step with its stately measures the handsome pair descended the stairway, and entering the reception room, stood before the young girl's pastor, the Rev. Olaus Hamilton, of the Baptist church. Then followed one of the most beautiful marriage services ever witnessed in this city. It was a ring service, but entirely different from the one usually observed. The language used was singularly appropriate and beautiful, and was spoken eloquently and impressively.

At the conclusion of the nuptial rite hearty congratulations and felicitations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. McAlpin. In a short time they were driven to the N. and W. depot at Ft. Gay, where they took train for Kenova, where they boarded the C. and O. train for New York city. They will visit the principal places of interest in the East and will then go to Cincinnati where they will spend the winter.

The bride looked very beautiful in her traveling suit of tan cloth, trimmed with fur, every article from hat to shoes being in strict and harmonious keeping. She is a very bright and attractive young woman, and the groom "may take it from" the NEWS, to use a little allowable slang, that he is to be congratulated on winning a prize when he won his bride.

The groom is a fine looking, intelligent young man of 24. He is a member of a prominent Cincinnati family, and a graduate of the School of Civil Engineering, University of Cincinnati. In professional attainments, habits and character he is all that can be desired.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful presents. Among the gifts from the groom was an insurance policy on his life for \$5000.

SEVEN MONTHS SCHOOL

State Superintendent Expects to Extend All Common Schools This Year.

Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 27.—Seven months' school in the rural districts this year is assured, in the opinion of Superintendent of Public Instruction Barksdale Hamlett, who said he has talked over the situation with State Treasurer Thomas Rhea and can talk confidently. There was a surplus of \$280,000 to the credit of the school fund at the close of the last fiscal year. It will require about \$500,000 to pay the teachers for the additional month, but the money will be forthcoming. Superintendent Hamlett said today:

"The lengthening of the rural school year from six to seven months which we had hoped for next year, will be realized this year, I feel sure. We had a surplus of \$280,000 in the fund June 30 last, the close of the fiscal year. We started out this year by making the October distribution of the school fund promptly, and this in spite of the fact that some of the State's revenues from the railroad franchise taxes are tied up in court. I have talked over the situation with State Treasurer Rhea and am assured the money will be paid the schools promptly this year as the installments fall due and that the money for the seventh month will be in the treasury by the time it is needed."

"I have worked to this end ever since assuming office. We have hunched our resources—in the first place to pay out a deficit we did not incur—and did not permit ourselves to make the mistake of unwarrantedly increasing the per capita, which, of course, would have made a fine showing, but would not have resulted in the benefit that will be realized by extending the school year one month longer."

This is the first extension of the school year since the term of H. V. McChesney as State superintendent, when it was extended from five to six months.

THE SANCTUARY.

On Sunday morning last a union service was held at the Baptist church. A very large congregation, representing all the churches in the city, was present. The speaker of the occasion was the Rev. Norman Palmer, who addressed the meeting in the interest of the State Anti-Saloon League. His address was a long line of temperance and good citizenship and was well received. At night the pulpit of the M. E. Church was occupied by the Rev. Dr. Dickerson, formerly of Steubenville, O., but now succeeding Dr. McClay as Superintendent of the Ashland M. E. District. Dr. Dickerson is an easy, fluent speaker, earnest and eloquent. He speaks mostly in short, snappy paragraphs, many of which were decidedly epigrammatic. The reverend doctor made a fine impression upon his audience.

Taking the place of the lesson at the M. E. Church South was the address to the Sunday school by Rev. Olaus Hamilton, of the Baptist church. Mr. Hamilton had attended the late State S. S. Association at Louisville, and on the occasion referred to the told, in a very interesting and pleasant way, of what he saw and heard at the meeting. He had made copious notes of what most of the best speakers had said while addressing the convention, and he repeated these good things to his attentive hearers. Mr. Hamilton, in his own pulpit, and Rev. Mr. Keith, the pastor, in the pulpit of the M. E. Church South, spoke to large congregations.

LOST A THUMB.

John M. Daniel, of this place, had the misfortune to lose his left thumb a few days ago. He is a sawyer, and when the accident occurred he was working in a handle factory on Shelby, Pike-co. While engaged in his work by some means his hand was caught by the saw and the thumb was entirely severed. Mr. Daniel is a hard working, sober man, and the injury means much loss to him.

SILVER TEA.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the M. E. Church South invites all its friends to celebrate with it Friday evening, November 7, at the Parsonage on Madison-st., the occasion being a Silver Tea. This tea is being given to raise funds to continue the Louisa Kentucky scholarship in Lucy Cunningham's school, Korea. Possibly many of our townsmen do not know our society is supporting a little Korean girl in this school, and a home-land pride might be aroused in the hearts of friends of the church, because this scholarship is named for our own little city and we wish to make the offering as general and as generous as possible.

Delightful refreshments will be served and a program. Good music and recitations will be rendered. All this will be free of charge, but we hope the hearts of our friends will be touched by the fact that we have an interest in Korea and will bring a free will offering to help the little girl who is trying to learn how to tell her people of the love of the Master, who said: "If you do it unto the least of these ye do it unto me."

"The Lord Loveth a Cheerful Giver."

PROMINENT CAPITALISTS

Visit the Big Sandy Coking Coal Field. ---Railroad to be Extended.

Vice President F. S. Landstreet and General Manager of Sales Frank Wilshire of New York, and Western Sales Manager E. M. Mantour, Chicago, all of the Consolidation Coal Company, passed through Cincinnati yesterday. They were accompanied by a large party of Chicago and St. Louis coal consumers, who visited the Eastern Kentucky mines of the company on the Sandy Valley and Elkhorn, the Baltimore and Ohio subsidiary in that state. The party came to Cincinnati over the Chesapeake & Ohio, connection from the Sandy Valley road being made at Shelby, Ky. The object of this trip was to show steel, gas and coke by-product manufacturers the Consolidation's 100,000 acre coal tract operations. In the near future it is expected that other holdings of that company, 200,000 acres in extent, will be placed on a producing basis. The Sandy Valley and Elkhorn will be extended to McRoberts, to which point the Louisville and Nashville has built and other points in that vicinity.

At the present time the Sandy Valley road is handling a little over 10,000 tons of coal per day, or about 3,700,000 tons per year. Most of this tonnage is sent through Cincinnati gateway. Two Cincinnati B. and O. Southwestern and C. H. and D. officials are executive officers of the Sandy Valley Road C. L. Thomas Traffic Manager, and W. C. Lorge General Manager, Daniel Willard, President of the B. and O. system holds the same title with the Kentucky road—Ironton News.

ENTERTAINED FOR SISTER.

Mrs. B. E. Adams very pleasantly entertained Wednesday afternoon for her sister, Mrs. Spencer, of Columbus, O. Her guests were sixteen in number, and the diversions were the ever popular Flinch. It was played to the extent of several progressions, when a delicious table luncheon was served and greatly enjoyed. The affair throughout was much enjoyed. It marked Mrs. Adams' initial formal appearance in Louisa as a hostess, and her Wednesday's function was in every way an enviable success.

MANUFACTURE MEDICINES.

It is reported that a number of proprietary medicines are to be made from the coal products of the mines on Beaver.

Wonderful developments are taking place in the Beaver section. The Elkhorn Fuel Company will pipe gas from the Beaver creek wells to their operations on the same creek. All the machinery will be run by natural gas and the new towns there will be supplied also. —Paintsville Herald.

B. & O. R. R. TALK.

Report From Huntington Construes Events to Mean More Railroads.

The Huntington Herald Dispatch says:

Speculation as to what is the "inside meaning" of the announcement that large railroad yards will be built by the Norfolk & Western railroad and the Baltimore & Ohio at Kenova among local business men yesterday led to the supposition that the move has important bearing on future policies of the Baltimore and Ohio road and may mean that this company is planning extensive work including a line down Big Sandy river. The Baltimore and Ohio now operates a line between Shelby and Jenkins, Ky., this being a coal operating road.

Ohio river bridge gossip was revived and some expressed the belief that the Baltimore & Ohio would bridge the Ohio here and then construct a line across Ohio to Weston, connecting with the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton line, thus giving the Baltimore line a direct route to Dayton and thence north to the lakes with its Big Sandy coal.

This belief is strengthened by the recent trip of big coal operators up the Big Sandy. Former Senator Clarence Watson, of the Consolidation Coal company for which the Shelby-Jenkins line is being maintained, went up the Big Sandy valley on a special recently with other officials of the Consolidation corporation.

Local men declared yesterday that in their opinion the bridging of the Ohio river here by the Baltimore & Ohio line is a certainty but they doubted if it would come soon.

PAINFULLY HURT.

C. K. Hammar, a C. and O. fireman, was painfully hurt about two o'clock on Sunday morning last by falling from the water tank of his engine. The train, a west bound freight, had stopped at Chapman, eight miles east of this place, for the purpose of taking water, and the fireman was standing on the engine tank, pulling a rope which opens the valve of the track tank, when the rope broke and he fell headlong to the ground. He was picked up and put on the engine, which cut loose from the train and brought him to Louisa. He was taken by the local C. and O. surgeon to the hospital, where his injuries were attended to. His face was cut and bruised, the muscles of his neck badly sprained, left knee cap and thigh injured and right wrist sprained almost to the point of dislocation. He was barely able to walk and suffered much from the bad shake up caused by the fall. He was able to go to his home in Russell on No. 37. Mr. Hammar is a nephew of Mrs. Shank, of this city.

NOT ENTIRELY A FAILURE.

Notwithstanding the very unfavorable weather which prevailed in this county last Friday and Saturday considerable work was done on the roads. The people were keyed up to road working pitch, and the NEWS has no doubt that if the rain had not been so heavy much good would have been accomplished. In another place in this paper will be found some reports from the country which are encouraging. One foreman reports that a young girl in his section turned out and did good work with the rest of the "hands." It is hoped that the improvement shown as a result of what was done under the most unfavorable conditions possible will show what can be done by concerted, well directed effort.

YOUNGEST ATTORNEY.

J. Douglas Hughes, of Ashland, was recently examined in the Carter county court for admission to the bar. He passed the examination with honors and is now a practicing attorney. Mr. Hughes is a son of John Hughes, and a nephew of Postmaster A. M. Hughes, of this city. He is the youngest attorney belonging to the Boyd county bar.

ANOTHER OCTOBER WEDDING.

On Wednesday afternoon, at the residence of Deputy Sheriff Willie Carter, of this city, in the presence of several friends, Miss Effie Thompson was united in marriage to Mr. Charles F. Frazier, the Rev. H. B. Hulett officiating. The bride is a pretty and attractive girl, the 18 years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, of this city, and is popular with her many friends. Her attendant was Miss Mable Williamson, of Richardson. The lucky young fellow who won her is a son of Jay Frazier and wife, who live near Two Mile, a short distance below this city. He is industrious and of good habits and character.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

John Woods, a native of this county and a Federal veteran of the Civil War, was here Tuesday from Yuma, Arizona, his present home. He was a member of the old 14th Ky. Infantry. He is a brother of Mr. Woods, the aged father-in-law of Mr. Holbrook, of this place. The former soldier was well acquainted with Judge James O'Brien, and the two met Tuesday for the first time in 50 years.

BIG PIPE LINE.

Task of Laying Large Tube to Louisville Nearing Completion.

Work on the natural gas pipe line which will bring natural gas from the West Virginia fields to Louisville, is in full swing. Along the 200 miles more than a thousand men are digging trenches and laying pipe, while several hundred more are busy clearing the right of way, hauling the pipe and stringing it along the ground. Many miles of the line are completed and ready for the initial pressure test of 350 pounds per square inch. The line is designed to transmit 15,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day at this pressure.

The work is organized in two divisions. One division operates in the mountains and the other in the Bluegrass. Each of these divisions has two large gangs working in opposite directions from an original starting point, and, in addition, a floating gang which does the special work at railroad crossings, rivers and creeks.

The headquarters of the mountain division are at Paintsville. Work in that district was started about seven miles north of Paintsville, and the two gangs are now over twenty miles apart. A special gang has constructed a crossing under the Licking river at West Liberty, and is now at work on the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy at Whitehouse. Advantage has been taken of the dry weather to cross most of the rivers and large reeks.

In the Bluegrass division work was begun at the Kentucky river. The east gang is at present working around Versailles, while the west gang is now only about thirty miles away from Louisville.

The crossing of the Kentucky river was the most interesting feature of the work. At all river crossings two pipes, instead of one, are laid to provide for any possible contingency. The hannel of the Kentucky river was dredged by floating steam dredges; the pipe was carried out on barges and, after being screwed and clamped together, was suspended between two parallel barges from which it was lowered into its final resting place. The river was fortunately at a low stage when this work was done. Soundings after the pipe was placed showed that both pipes were buried in the trench that had been excavated. The current in the stream has now covered the pipes with silt.

The most spectacular part of the work is in the mountains. It is an impressive sight to see a line of hundreds of men stretched across the country, from hill to hill, digging the trench for the pipe. Much of the excavation is in solid rock, where holes must be drilled every few feet.

Dynamite is used mainly as the explosive for this work, although (Continued on page 4.)